

**CHORLEY AND PRESTON HOSPITALS:** Please contact St Joseph's Chorley (262713) if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and needs a visit. In urgent cases or emergency please ask the ward staff to call the duty Chaplain on his bleep/phone. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston Hospital Tel: 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary Tel: 01942 822324

**WEEKDAY MASS** is now being held in the sacristy during the autumn and winter. If you see any visitors, please show them the way to the sacristy.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** We are hoping to hold meetings that explore the Catholic Faith and answer your questions. Please email the parish office or ring [stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk) or 01257 262537. If you are baptised in another Christian mainstream Faith and would like to become a Catholic, please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Marsden

**MARY'S MEALS:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection for Mary's Meals in memory of the late Fr Laurence Mayne RIP. Between St Oswald's church and ourselves, a sum of £700.00 was sent to the main office of Mary's Meals, enough to enable 36 children to have a meal each day for a year, and thus attend school for a year. I am sure that Fr Mayne would be very happy with this amount.

**SAGRADA FAMILIA CHURCH:** Barcelona's famous Sagrada Família (Holy Family) basilica, designed by Antoni Gaudí and begun in 1882, is now the tallest church in the world. On Friday 31 October workers placed the first part of a cross at the top of its central tower making it 162.91 metres tall. It has surpassed the Lutheran Ulm Minster at 161.53 metres in Baden-Württemberg, Germany. **The quarry stone comes from Chorley Lancashire as reported by the BBC news on 31<sup>st</sup> October.** To be more precise, the Brinscall stone comes from Fr Crowther's parish in Withnell.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY** is on 16<sup>th</sup> November. The theme is that **actions speak louder than words**. A reminder for you that the safeguarding personnel at St Mary's are Kinga Grzeczynska and Simon Eccles. 01257 262537. If you have a concern, please contact Kinga or Simon. If you have experienced something in the past and wish to discuss it, please contact Liverpool Archdiocese Safeguarding Office – 0151 522 1103/1043 or email [c.newton@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:c.newton@rcaol.org.uk)

**YOUTH SUNDAY:** 23<sup>rd</sup> November is marked as National Youth Sunday. A day to recognise and celebrate all that young people in the Church offer us. On this day, the **Archdiocese of Liverpool is opening registration for Confirmations in 2026.** It will close in February 2026. Please look out for the details and don't miss the dates. Any Catholic Yr 8 (or above) who is in a non-Catholic High School can also be confirmed. Please ring the Parish Office for further details. Also any adult who has not been confirmed and would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

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Parish Office: Tues - Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00-17.00

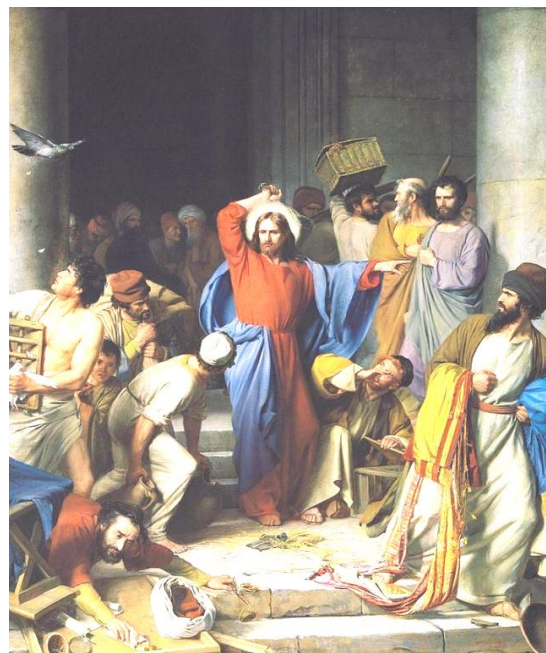
Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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## St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

### FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025



*The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the moneychangers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'*

*So, the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. John 2:13-22*

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup>**

16.15-16.45

17.00

Confessions

Mass – Pious List

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup>**

09.30

**THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN  
BASILICA also REMEMBRANCE  
SUNDAY**

Mass – The Fallen of The Great War, WWII and other conflicts



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| <b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>10.00</b>                             | <u>St Leo the Great</u><br><b>Requiem – Jean Frain</b>                                                                                                      |
| <b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>12.00</b><br>12.30-13.00             | <u>St Martin of Tours</u><br><b>Mass – Pious List</b><br><i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>                                                          |
| <b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>09.00</b>                             | <u>St Josaphat, bishop and martyr</u><br><b>Mass – Pious List</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>12.00</b>                           | <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>                                                                                                              |
| <b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>12.00</b><br>12.30 – 13.00            | <b>Mass – Pious List</b><br><i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>                                                                                       |
| <b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup></b><br>15.15<br><br>16.15-16.45<br><b>17.00</b> | <u>St Albert the Great</u><br>Baptisms: George and Emily Moore, Emilia and Ella Southern, Maddison Galeza<br><i>Confessions</i><br><b>Mass – Pious List</b> |
| <b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>09.30</b>                             | <b><u>THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u></b><br><b>Mass – Parishioners</b>                                                                            |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND:** Margaret Arrowsmith, Kathleen Coyle, Rosemary Hough, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Theresa Martin, David Monks, Norah O'Donoghue, Vasil Olijniczuk, Molly Redhead, and parishioners in the Adelphi, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall. ***Please note: We now need written permission to add a name to the above sick list. This can be done by the sick person or by the next of kin, if the sick person cannot give permission themselves. Written permission can be made via email to [stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk)***

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jean Frain (78) who died on 21<sup>st</sup> October. Requiem Mass to be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am followed by burial in Chorley Cemetery. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord...

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Kevin Ashton, Fr Nick Wilde, Mary Cannon, Margaret Gagan, Margaret Bailey, Rowland Cross, Jan Lavrič, Michael Purtill.

**READERS:** **Sat: 8<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Kinga Grzeczynska **Sun: 9<sup>th</sup> 09.30** Paul Lennon  
**Sat: 15<sup>th</sup> 17.00** Gillian Sharples **Sun: 16<sup>th</sup> 09.30** Simon Eccles  
**Sat: 22nd 17.00** Eileen McCarrick **Sun: 23<sup>rd</sup> 09.30** Dr Jane Eccles

**FEAST OF THE LATERAN BASILICA:** "Mother and Mistress of all the world's churches," the oldest and most important of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and the official seat of the Holy Father as the Bishop of Rome. Please pray for Pope Leo XIV and all the good work that the Holy Father does, which is not always made public. Since the day of his election there has been a noticeable increase in the numbers of people wanting to become Catholics or being baptised as Christians.

**JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE:** this weekend's Gospel. We don't imagine an angry Jesus, throwing people out of the Temple, but that is what happened. One must distinguish righteous anger, against evil, injustice and disrespect towards God, from unrighteous anger which is often rooted in impatience, pride and selfishness. Jesus was angry that his Father's house had been turned into a market to fleece pilgrims, and that those who went to pray were unable to do so.

Even the Lord has barriers which must not be crossed in the Temple or church. It is a good time to remind ourselves of how we behave in church. Do we do something that is inappropriate or do people dress inappropriately in church? Do we come on time to Mass or are we always on 'the last minute'? Do we talk or gossip in church? Do we walk out before Mass finishes? Does unjustified or unreasonable anger cloud our hearts and prayer time? Do we go to Confession when we need to and especially to make our hearts and souls ready to host the Lord? Do we take time to thank the good Lord for every grace and blessing we receive, especially after receiving the Eucharist? Are we willing to help others when there is a need? Do we offer a lift to someone who needs our help to come to church? ***Just a few things to ponder on.***

**TALK ABOUT THE 1700<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF THE COUNCIL OF NICAIA:**  
**Every Sunday we recite the Nicene Creed, a brief compendium of the Catholic Faith.** We are very lucky to be able to host this special talk about the Nicene Creed and the Council of Nicaea. Rev Dr Mark Drew, Parish Priest of St Michael's Woolston, Warrington, who has spent years in Greece, will deliver the talk on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** at 14.30 – 15.45. We will then have refreshments and a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass at 17.00. This little mini-retreat afternoon

**THE APPEAL FROM THE SPIRITAN FATHERS:** We had a lovely visit from a newly ordained Spiritan priest in October. Fr Geoffrey spoke about the work of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) and asked for your help in an Appeal. We were able to send a cheque to their Chester Head Office for £580. Thank you for your great generosity.

**PIOUS LISTS:** During the month of November, we pray at daily Mass for those deceased people named on your Pious Lists. The envelopes and papers for the list of names can be found near the newsletters. Please complete them and include an offering and add them to the collection or through the presbytery door. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** will be available for sale from 17<sup>th</sup> November. You will find them in the sacristy. They are the usual ones from St Rita's in Honiton; religious, beautiful and not expensive. ***Please remember that we do have a small stock of different items in the repository. There are many beautiful things to buy your children/grandchildren for Christmas. We also have a small number of religious advent calendars for children.***

**CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR YOUR LOVED ONES:** We have some dates left for a Christmas or New Year Mass. Please contact the office if you wish to book a Mass.